110TH CONGRESS HR. 1

To establish the Policy of the United States of America toward Climate Change.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 21, 2007

Mr. KIRK introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committees on Appropriations, Energy & Commerce, Foreign Affairs & Ways & Means.

A BILL

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of
- 2 Representatives of the United States of America in Congress
- 3 assembled,
- 4 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
- 5 This Act may be cited as the "United States Climate Change
- 6 Act of 2007".
- 7 SEC. 2. FOREIGN POLICY

- 1 (a) KYOTO PROTOCOL.—It is the sense of Congress that
- 2 the Kyoto Protocol should be ratified by the United States
- 3 Senate.
- 4 (b) CLIMATE-FRIENDLY FOREIGN ASSISTANCE.—Foreign
- 5 assistance received by a developing nation will not be
- 6 withheld if the recipient nation has not reduced its
- 7 greenhouse gas emissions.

8 SEC. 3. ENERGY POLICY

- 9 (a) ENERGY SUPPLIES.—The Secretary of Commerce
- 10 shall require that the average mileage of travel per gallon of
- 11 fuel consumption for total vehicle sales by each
- 12 manufacturer of cars or light trucks rise from 26 miles per
- 13 gallon in 2008 to 40 miles per gallon in 2014.
- 14 (b) NEW TECHNOLOGY.—The Secretary of Commerce is
- 15 authorized to provide \$7 billion to the car manufacturer that
- 16 is first to report that 20% of car sales use hybrid technology.
- 17 (c) MANDATORY REDUCTIONS.—The Secretary of
- 18 Energy shall fine each electrical power company \$15 for
- 19 each kilogram of greenhouse gases emitted above their 2010
- 20 level.

21 SEC. 4. TAX POLICY

- 22 (a) MIDDLE EASTERN OIL.—The Secretary of the
- 23 Treasury shall impose a \$1.75 tax on each barrel of Middle

Eastern oil sold in the United States. The revenue collected by this tax shall be distributed in the following manner: 60 percent for implementation of energy-saving measures, 30 percent to reduce the deficit of the Federal Treasury, and 10 percent to be deposited in a special fund to support research into alternative sources of American energy.

SEC. 5. APPROPRIATIONS POLICY

- (a) NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION/LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.—There are hereby provided \$4 billion to the National Science Foundation for research into any alternative energy source.
- (b) FUNDING CUTS.—To offset the appropriations provided in subsection A above, \$2 billion are hereby rescinded from subsidy payments to sugar and other farmers.